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SUBJECT: RTG REACTION TO KEUKY LIM VISIT

REF: PHNOM PENH 4079

1. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO PARTICIPATED IN KHMER FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM'S VISIT TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER APRIL 2 THAT THE RTG WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTED WITH ITS LACK OF SUBSTANCE. HE SAID THAT IN CONTRAST TO LONG BORET WHO KNEW WHAT HE WANTED AND GOT TO THE POINT, KEUKY LIM SPOKE TO BOTH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER IN PLATITUDES AS THOUGH HE WERE ADDRESSING AN AUDIENCE SUCH AS THE U.N.

2. APPARENTLY, LIM NEVER DID COME TO THE POINT OF WHAT THE KHMER WANTED FROM THE VISIT. WHEN PRIME MINISTER SANYA QUESTIONED HIM ON THE SITUATION IN THE KHMER
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REPUBLIC AND ON WHAT HE WANTED FROM THE THAI, LIM APPEARED

AT A LOSS FOR ANSWERS WORTHY OF THE QUESTIONS. THIS SURPRISED THE THAI BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE (CORRECTLY) THAT SANYA IS A CHARMING MAN WHO IS EXTRAORDINARILY EASY TO TALK TO AND NOT AT ALL FORBIDDING. THEY THEREFORE ATTRIBUTE LIM'S POOR SHOWING TO HIS LACK OF PREPARATION OR HIS INEXPERIENCE WITH PERSONAL DIPLOMACY.

3. COMMENT: THE ABOVE ACCOUNT IS ADMITTEDLY ONE MAN'S VIEWPOINT, AND THE VISIT WAS APPARENTLY NOT TOTALLY WITHOUT RESULT. THE CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US THAT THE THAI HAD AGREED TO GIVE SOME HUMANITARIAN AID TO CAMBODIA, PARTICULARLY MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND INSTRUMENTS.
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